

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1 and 9 are amended and claims 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 15, and 17-19 are canceled to place this application in condition for allowance. Presently, claims 1, 4, 7-9, 13, 14, 16, and 20 are before the Examiner for consideration on their merits.

Applicant and Applicant's attorney wish to thank Examiner Eng for granting a personal interview on November 4, 2003. During the course of the interview, the Examiner indicated that the claims should recite more structure and function to show that business aspect of the invention, and distinguish the claims from any two individuals conducting videoconferencing in a restaurant using their laptops.

As a result of the interview, Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of claims 2, 3, and 6, and defining a private network for videoconferencing, defining the booths as installed as part of the restaurant, and that patrons are charged for the multimedia access and videoconferencing. Claim 9 is amended by incorporation of the subject matter of claims 10-12, 15, and 17-19, and the additional limitations described for claim 1.

In light of the amendments to claims 1 and 9, Applicants submit that the cited prior art does not establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness and claims 1 and 9 along with their dependent claims are now in condition for allowance. More specifically, there is no reason to combine Yuter and Allen since each is drawn to completely different purposes. Yuter is specific to a single restaurant, and the telephones in the restaurant are designed to be used to meet people in the restaurant or contact the kitchen for ordering. One of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to add videoconferencing in Yuter to go between tables in the same restaurant. Such a modification makes no sense, and is even contrary to Yuter's purpose of avoiding face to face contact with people in the restaurant that do not know each other. Moreover, Yuter and Allen lack the suggestion to use videoconferencing in different restaurants. At most, Yuter has different restaurant areas, and Allen does not even suggest a restaurant. Flohr does not supply the deficiencies in Yuter and Allen and does not remedy the flaws in the rejection.

Since this amendment clearly places this application in condition for allowance, and even though it is presented after a final rejection, entry is respectfully requested.

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Applicants' petition for a three month extension of time to extend the deadline for filing a response until November 27, 2003. Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the fee. Please charge any shortages in fees to deposit account no. 50-1088, and credit any excesses to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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